9.30 a.m. to 10.00 am. with effect from 30-4-89. This has been done because the preceding serial "Bharat Ke Chaap" is of 50 minutes duration instead of the normal 1 30 minutes. No public opinion survey was done before the change in time was effected.

Labour Participation in Management

1356. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have made any assessment that one of the major reasons for increasing sickness and closure of industries is lack of effective or any kind of labour participation in management;

(b) whether Government have also assessed that mismanagement, manipulation of finance to make illegal profit mainly for personnal use of becomes possible because of absence of labour participation ; and

(c) what are the hindrances for the enactment of formula regarding labour participation in management ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LAOUBR AND THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI RADHAKRISHAN MALAVIYA): (a) and (b) The Government recognises that one of the imporant determinants of healthy industrial growth and efficient management is workers participation in management.

(c) Government have already notified a Comprehensive Scheme of Workers Participation in Management vide Resolution No. L. 56011/1/83-Desk. I (B) dated I 30th December, 1983 which **has** also been implemented at shop floor/plant levels by a large number of public sector enterprises.

Declaration of support price for cotton

1357. **SHRI CHIMANBHAI** MEHTA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased **to** state :

(a) whether Government propose to agree with the suggestion **that** cotton support prices should be declared in pre-monsoon preparatory decision making stage for production of various crops; and

(b) what is the per hectare yield of cotton in our country and cotton producing countries like Pakistan; what are the reasons for disparity, if any ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV) : (a) As laid down in the "Agricultural Price Policy-A long Term Perspective", the Government is fixing the minimum support price of raw cotton before the commencement of sowing season. The minimum support price of cotton for 1989-90 season has alreay been announced on 16th March, 1989.

(b) The All-India per hectare yield of cotton for 1987-88 season was estimated at 169 kgs. According to F.A.O. Production Year Book, 1987, the per hectare yield of cotton in Pakistan works out to 509 kgs. for the year 1987. The disparity in cotton yeields is due mainly to the differences in soil and agro-climatic conditions. However, per hectare yield of cotton in Punjab which has similar agro-climatic conditions was 510 kgs. in 1987-88.

Water supply Scheme in Cuddappah District of Andhra Pradesh

13518. 0R, YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to j state :

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(a) whether any proposals received from the Government of Andhra Pradesh regarding rural water supplies scheme in the Cuddappah district of Andhra Pradesh with the help of E.E.C. is pending with the Centre; and

(b) if so, what is the progress in finalisation of the scheme and the expenditure involved therein

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) The State Government of Andhra Pradesh had forwarded a project report for bilateral assistance to cover 17 villages and their hamlets costing Rs. 135-60 lakhs to benefit a total population 86,356. In July, 1988, the State Government was advised to send certain clarifications on some of the technical aspect of the project which are still awaited.

Drought Assistance to Madhya Pradesh

1359. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to •state :

(a) whether the Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh had requested to the Central Government for financial assistance amounting around Rs. 88 crores to help and meet drought situation in various districts of Madhya Pradesh this year: and

(b) if so, the details thereof and what is Government's reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV) : (a) and (b) Government of Madhya Pradesh submitted a memorandum during 1988-89 seeking Central assistance of Rs. 88.03 crores for drought relief. Based on the report of the Central Team and recommendations of the High Level Committee on Relief theiecn, a ceiling of exependituie of Rs. 14.01 crores has been approved to the State Government for drought relief.

Preservation of Fruits and Crops

1360. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of measures have been taken for preservation of crops and fruits ;

(b) if so, whether it has been urged to the State Governments for establishment of an Advance Centre for Research & Training of pest-harvest technology of horticulture of the Indian Agricultural Research Institute; and

(c) whether any final decision in this regard has been taken and if so, what are the steps being taken to preserve crops and fruits ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV) : (a) Yes, Si$_r$